

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government do not intend to gain anything.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : What is it that they have accidentally gained or hope to gain?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The services of those people who are in the acting list will be counted only from the day of confirmation or from the day they are declared S. P. T.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Does not this G. O. extend the time of payment of increment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It may.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are not these 1,105 acting teachers who are in permanent vacancies being deprived of the legitimate increments that they are entitled to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If they are merely acting, unless specifically allowed, they are not entitled to any increment.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Has the financial circular been withdrawn?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Not yet.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Do the Government hope to withdraw it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Departmental vernacular school at Muhamma.

374. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertalai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a departmental vernacular school at Muhamma;

(b) whether the said school, if there is one, is conducted in a Government building on Government site;

(c) whether they are aware that the local people had raised funds to acquire a site for the construction of a building, in accordance with a departmental correspondence;

(d) whether they are aware of numerous petitions being sent from Muhamma to the authorities concerned that the collected funds had been misutilised; and

(e) whether any enquiry has been made by whomsoever concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) No.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertalai*) : With reference to part (c) may I know the source from which the Government came to know that funds had been collected by the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Director of Public Instruction.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Have any petitions been sent to the Director of Public Instruction to the effect that the funds have been collected?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : Yes, he had one or two petitions.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : If the government are aware of these petitions, why is it that no enquiry was made as to the misappropriation of the funds?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : It is the responsibility of the committee which was appointed by the people there to make an enquiry. Government are only concerned with getting a building.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Was it not in accordance with the departmental correspondence that the funds were collected?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : That is not apparent. The people appear to have promised on their own account to provide a site for the building.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Have they provided a site?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : No; they have done nothing.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Did the Government enquire as to what they had done with the funds?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : They need not enquire until the site is forthcoming. The people have not carried out their promise.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Anyhow, Government do know that the funds had been collected?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : They have received petitions to that effect.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : If the Government know that funds have been collected, are they going to enquire into it?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : No, they are not.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Have Government made any enquiry in the matter after they received the petitions to the effect that the funds have been misappropriated?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : Government have not received a petition like that. They have received petitions praying that the school should not be closed. The Director or the Inspector seems to have received some such petition.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (Shertallai) : Has the Director made any enquiries through the Inspector?

MR. K. GEORGE (Chief Secretary to Government) : No enquiry as to the misappropriation of funds has been made by any Government Officer.